

(OC San) Board of Directors, and his dedication and service to the residents of Orange County in this capacity.

Throughout his tenure on the OC San board from December 2018 through June 2021, Chairman Shawver has remained steadfast in his commitment to providing an affordable service to the community, while understanding the importance of keeping with OC San's mission of protecting the public health and the environment.

Under his leadership, Chairman Shawver and the Board of Directors understood the financial hardship COVID-19 created for many of our ratepayers. As a result, the Board of Directors forwent the board approved regional sewer service fee increase for the 2020-21 fiscal year, keeping it at \$339 for the year, which is less than \$1 a day.

Chairman Shawver's commitment to affordable water and water use has allowed OC San to move in the direction to recycle 100 percent of its reclaimable flow through the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS), a joint project between OC San and the Orange County Water District.

Upon completion of this project in 2023, GWRS will produce 130 million gallons of high-quality water every day, which will be enough water for 1 million residents in north and central Orange County.

As a former educator myself, I would also like to recognize Chairman Shawver for his more than 40 years of service as an educator in the Long Beach Unified School District, at Long Beach City College, and at Hope International University in Fullerton.

On behalf of the residents of the 47th District, I want to thank Chairman Shawver for his years of service and dedication to OC San and to the community he has committed himself to serving.

#### HONORING DR. ALA STANFORD AS A VIRTUAL GUEST FOR PRESIDENT BIDEN'S ADDRESS TO JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS

##### HON. MARY GAY SCANLON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2021*

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Ala Stanford from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On Wednesday, April 28, 2021, President Biden delivered his first address to a Joint Session of Congress, 100 days into his first term.

When President Biden took the oath of office, he pledged that help was on the way. Thanks to our work together to enact the American Rescue Plan, help is here.

Hardworking people in Pennsylvania and all across the country have been the heroes of the pandemic, and now they are leading our recovery. Dr. Stanford is one of those heroes.

The Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium was founded by Dr. Stanford in 2020 to educate and advocate for the Black community in order to reduce the incidence of disease and death from coronavirus.

The group originally focused on bringing testing to underserved communities, and now

they also run vaccination clinics in these same areas. Dr. Stanford and her team are intentional about targeting their resources to the Black community because Black Americans have been disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus and are still underrepresented in the number of people who have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

After more than a year of having our lives consumed by COVID-19, I could think of no better person to represent our region at President Biden's Joint Address to Congress than Dr. Stanford. When the pandemic hit, she figured out what needed to be done, and then she did it. She has dedicated herself to the work of serving her community and reducing racial disparities in access to testing and vaccines.

In a typical year, I would have invited Dr. Stanford to join me in the House Chamber for the Joint Address. COVID-19 safety protocols limited this year's in-person attendance, and—along with many other Members of Congress—instead watched the address from home.

However, I couldn't miss this important opportunity to honor Dr. Stanford and people like her all across Pennsylvania.

#### CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF JAY SIMSON

##### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2021*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jay Simson, the President of The American Council of Engineering Companies of New York, on his retirement after 29 years of dedicated service.

ACEC New York represents the business interests of nearly 300 engineering and related firms in New York State. These are the companies that design our built environment. Without them, our transportation infrastructure, our public buildings, private office towers, hospitals, and so much more would simply not exist.

Jay Simson was a leader in his industry and a driving force for the interests of his member firms in Albany and before Congress. I know many of my colleagues from the New York delegation know Jay and have worked with him on a wide range of issues over the years.

What many of my colleagues might not know about Jay is that he is also an Olympic judge. He served on the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team board and was their delegate to the International Ski Federation. He was also the Head Judge for Freestyle Skiing at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan.

I thank Jay Simson for his commitment to the engineering industry and congratulate him on his retirement.

#### HONORING WILLIAM GILLISON

##### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2021*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. William Gillison.

Born in Beaufort, South Carolina, Pastor William Gillison attended Lackawanna, New York schools and enrolled in the United States Army in 1965. Sixteen years later—in 1981—Reverend Gillison became the pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church. During his time at Mt. Olive, the church's capacity increased tenfold, from 150 to 1,500.

Early in his career, Reverend Gillison founded the Mt. Olive Development Corporation, which continues to provide subsidized apartments for low income residents. Mt. Olive also operates as a distribution center for food and other essentials in Western New York. During the Covid-19 pandemic, it served as a testing and vaccination site. Interviewed by WGRZ, Pastor Gillison said that "The pandemic has really magnified and exposed in many cases the deficiencies in especially black and brown communities." Mt. Olive helped to lessen the racial disparities in vaccine distribution, furthering its mission and serving thousands of local community members.

Mt. Olive serves in every season. During the summer, the Church hosts a cookout and fireworks show for families. In the fall, it provides Thanksgiving dinners to 1,500 families. In the winter, through its Angel Tree Ministry program, it gives Christmas gifts to children of incarcerated men and women. Before he became president, George W. Bush visited Mt. Olive and was impressed with its work.

Pastor Gillison's experience with the government has not always been cordial. Working closely with attorney Johnnie Cochrane, Pastor Gillison fought to overturn a ban on bus routes to the Galleria Mall. This discriminatory practice prevented many people of color from shopping at the Mall, and even led to the killing of a worker who was forced to walk to her job at the Galleria Mall.

Pastor Gillison has served two terms as the President of the Baptist Ministers Conference and the Baptist Great Lakes Conference. He is the recipient of honorary doctorate degrees and has been recognized by national organizations for his ministry and service. He is particularly known for his interfaith communication; Pastor Gillison has traveled to Israel multiple times and formed relationships with both government and religious officials. None of this would have been accomplished without the help of his loving and devoted wife of 58 years, Antonia Gillison. She has been his greatest supporter. While being a pastor he has also maintained his strong fatherly presence with his children.

Pastor Gillison has advanced our community spiritually, politically, and economically. He has been a tireless advocate for those with no hope and no voice. His leadership has transformed Mt. Olive into an indispensable beacon of light for our community and his work has touched lives across the country and world. During his fortieth anniversary as pastor, we celebrate how much Mt. Olive has accomplished, and we pray for the community it serves. Though he has accomplished much, Pastor Gillison is just grateful for the opportunity to serve. As he would say, "To God be the Glory."

CONGRATULATING AL ARGUELLO  
ON A CAREER OF SERVICE TO  
HIS COMMUNITY

**HON. PETE AGUILAR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2021*

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, today I want to honor Al Arguello, who is retiring after a 53-year career with Bank of America and will leave as President of Bank of America, Inland Empire.

A Rancho Cucamonga resident, Al has worked tirelessly throughout his career to give back to our community. When the great recession devastated the Inland Empire, it was Al's leadership that helped form the Housing Opportunities Collaborative to support the thousands of families facing foreclosure in our region. Al has also been a strong supporter of the Inland Empire's local economy, working to encourage the development of micro-businesses and finding ways to help entrepreneurs gain access to the start-up funds they need to succeed.

While he will continue to be involved as a key leader in our community, his friends and colleagues will surely miss him as he begins this new chapter. The lasting effects of Al Arguello's leadership and philanthropic efforts can be felt throughout the Inland Empire, and I know our community is better off because of Al's decades of service.

CONGRATULATING THE BARBERS  
HILL HIGH SCHOOL EAGLES ON  
THEIR FIRST BASEBALL STATE  
CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2021*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Barbers Hill High School Eagles Baseball Team for winning the 2021 Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL) 5A High School Baseball State Championship. The Eagles Baseball team joins the Lady Eagles Softball team in clinching their first State Championship in school history. Barbers Hill is the first 5A High School, and only the seventh overall, in Texas history to win both State titles in the same season.

The Eagles finished the 2020–2021 season, with a record of 35 wins and eight losses. In the playoffs, Barbers Hill faced Manvel, Foster, Santa Fe, Lake Creek, and Friendswood before facing Hallsville for the State Championship. On June 12, 2021, the Eagles beat the Hallsville Bobcats by a score of two to one winning their first state title.

Raithen Malone, a senior Pitcher, was named the State Tournament Most Valuable Player. Six Eagles were selected by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association to play on the Conference 5A All-Tournament Team: Raithen Malone, Brodey Williams, Simon Larranaga, Braden Jacobs, Jace Martinez, and Carson Garrett.

I would like to personally recognize each individual that contributed to this team's winning season. Players: Luke Sims, Carson Garrett, Trevor Bates, Cameron Cauley, Jace Mar-

tinez, Raithen Malone, Braden Jacobs, Will Buntin, Brent Holdren, Colin Schmadl, McKade Massengale, Kyle Isaacks, Kasyn Franco, Ernest Sanders, Josh Campbell, Brodey Williams, Logan Knichel, Hunter Mercer, Blaine Huntley, Colt Erickson, Alden Brookshire, Maddox Malone, Carson Dunham, Simon Larranaga, and Kaden Garcia. Head Coach: David Denny. Assistant Coaches: Darren Seymour, Chris Cauley, Josh Presnall, and Noel Garcia. Athletic Trainers: Gina Pace, Adam Carroll, and Ha Nguyen. Student Trainer: MJ Stevens. Manager: Brennan McDonald. Statistician: Maddi Clary. Superintendent: Dr. Greg Poole. Athletic Director: Tom Westerberg. Principal: Rick Kana.

I wish each of these young men continued success in the classroom and athletics. Go Eagles.

TRIBUTE TO DONNA MARIE  
ROBINSON

**HON. MIKE LEVIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2021*

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Donna Marie Robinson, who passed away on May 31, 2021.

Donna Marie was born in 1957 in Chicago and received both her undergraduate and master's in business degrees from the University of Chicago. After an illustrious career in commercial banking, she retired in 2013 as Vice President/Client Manager for Bank of America.

Throughout her life, Donna Marie was committed to service. She served on the San Diego Foundation's Board of Governors for seven years and was the bedrock of the Foundation's scholarship program. The Foundation is establishing the Donna Marie Robinson Memorial Scholarship Fund in her honor.

Donna Marie fought tirelessly for women's health as a member of the Executive Leadership Team for the American Heart Association Go Red for Women. She was President of the Encinitas Coastal Rotary and was a member of countless other community organizations. She was a world traveler who could bring a smile to every face.

Donna Marie Robinson lived an incredible and full life. She was a crucial member of the Encinitas community and she will be missed by her family, friends, and everyone she touched.

CONGRATULATING ELLA  
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**HON. LLOYD SMUCKER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2021*

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank and congratulate Ella Sensesenig of Millersville, who, at 85, has recently retired as a school bus driver for Penn Manor School District after 41 years of dedicated and safe service.

Those 41 years must have added up to countless miles, but each trip presented the children on her school bus the opportunity to

learn, grow, and thrive. She started in a part-time position, driving students to sports activities or to the Lancaster Career & Technology Center Campuses before she started serving two generations of students at Central Manor Elementary as passengers on her bus for over 20 years.

Ella also drove the bus for her church's Bible School program for many years. She also served as a crossing guard, as a part-time police officer with Millersville, and as a nurse's aide throughout her career.

In a recent interview, Ella said: "Not a lot of people can say this, but there are no jobs I had that I didn't like." As she looks forward to retirement, she's looking forward to spending time with her family: two children, five grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

I thank Ella for her many years of service to students and I congratulate her on her retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISH-  
MENTS AND DEDICATION OF THE  
BUFFALO BLUES ORGANIZATION

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2021*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of the Western New York-based non-profit organization known as "Buffalo Blues" and their remarkable service and dedication to the Veteran community.

Buffalo Blues is a non-profit dedicated to using the power and reach of music to help Western New York Veterans and military families through fundraising and charitable donations. Founded by Bob James, Buffalo Blues forms an impactful partnership between the music community and Veteran groups. Musicians that partner with Buffalo Blues experience professional growth while also helping to raise funds and advocating for the needs of the Veteran community.

On May 6, 2021, Buffalo Blues announced that—with the help of over 200 musicians—they were able to donate over \$100,000 to 18 Erie County charities serving WNY Veterans and military families. Through live musical performances, merchandise sales, and online livestreamed concerts, these 200 musicians used their talents to both raise funds for these local charities and bring attention to the issues that often face the Veteran community.

In addition to raising funds, Buffalo Blues has been gathering data on the needs of Veterans and Military Families. This research helps to ensure that the money they raise goes to where it is most needed in the veteran community.

When the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered opportunities for live, in-person performances, Buffalo Blues adapted with the changing times. Knowing that the difficulties that Veterans and military families face weren't going anywhere, they found an innovative solution by livestreaming musical performances online until it was safe to return to the stages of Western New York.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to speak today, and ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the persistence and dedication of Buffalo Blues and their affiliated musicians. Their continual advocacy for